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#### **PREFACE**

In preparing the Index, I endeavored to make it as complete and comprehensive as possible in order to facilitate the use of the inexhaustible fund of Agadic material deposited in the *Legends of the Jews*. Embarrassed with a superabundance of materials I was obliged to make abridgments in order to keep the volume within practical compass. Consequently I often combined several items under one heading, e. g. under "Aaron, virtues of," there are thirteen references embracing the following items: generosity, II. 329; piety, III. 168, 189, 210, 316, 334; modesty, III. 183, 328; VI. 81; simplicity, III. 324, lover of peace, III. 328; VI. 97; popularity, VII. 113.

With regard to the arrangement of the material in the Index, the following is to be noted. As a leading principle I grouped the items under a given heading in accordance with the order in which they are found in the volumes, e.g., Aaron comforts the Messiah, I. 23; Aaron, breastplate of, II. 31. This system was properly chosen because it was a rule that could be followed with the greatest consistency. It must be avowed that this method has its shortcomings, as it often led to an incongruous association of facts. A precedent, however, for this method is to be found in the index to Frazer's Golden Bough. Since no amount of ingenuity would permit absolute consistency, it was necessary not infrequently to deviate from this procedure, particularly in case of larger topics, such as, Israel, Torah, Angels, or Moses. In such instances it was deemed best to classify the items according to a logical principle. For example, in regard to Moses, the facts that were related to one another in thought were brought together, thus,

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Moses and Israel, Moses and the Torah, and so on. Quite often it was found expedient to arrange the items in alphabetical sequence, e.g., God, abode of, attributes of; under attributes, are listed the various attributes—eternity to vengeance—and then the article continues with "back of", "blessing of", etc.

It was impossible to adhere to any one of these methods in all cases, and in many instances the various methods were combined into one. For example, under Angels many items were listed alphabetically, e. g., Angel of the abysses, Angel of the Arabot, etc. Another group relating to the characteristics of angels were put together, e. g., Angels, appearace of, beauty of, etc. Various items pertaining to the relation of the angels to biblical characters, e. g., Angels and Aaron, etc., were aranged alphabetically. In this particular heading I merged Angel and Angels for reasons of expediency, whereas throughout the Index I always separated the singular from the plural.

Under the heading Proverbs and Sayings, pp. 390–393, I cited the proverbs in full and listed them in alphabetical order according to the principal word of each sentence, e. g., accuser, anger, etc.

The Index of Passages lists all the passages unless otherwise indicated. It was found inadvisable to cite all the references to the Talmud and Midrash because of their great number, and accordingly only those passages which are explained in the notes are cited.

In the Index of Hebrew and Aramaic phrases, the verbs are mostly arranged according to roots.

In general I was guided by the language of the author for the headings in the Index. For example, under Shekinah, I listed separately Shekinah, glory of, light of, radiance of, and splendor of, which represent the Hebrew זיי השכינה. In some cases I made a choice between competing terms.

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I adopted "justice" rather than "righteousness" for צרק, as it more clearly conveys the sense of the Hebrew word to the English reader.

The plan and purpose of the Legends of the Jews has been thoroughly expounded by Prof. Ginzberg in his introductions to vols. I and V. Suffice it to say that this work represents the greatest single contribution to the study of the Agada within a century. Its significance lies not only in its unsurpassed collection of materials from all out of the way sources, but also in the fact that it paves the way for numerous monographs in the various fields of theology, folklore, superstition, customs and legends. In an extensive review of the Legends in the JOR, N.S., vol. 24, Prof. Bernard Heller of Budapest has presented an appreciation of the value of the Legends for further researches into the field of the Agada. I merely wish to stress the fact that the complete collection of references to Josephus, Philo, Hellenistic Literature and the Church Fathers will help the critical student in the study of the historical development of the Agada, which has hardly been begun.

In conclusion I wish to express my profound thanks to Professors Louis Ginzberg and Alexander Marx for helpful suggestions in the course of the compilation of the Index, and to Mr. Maurice Jacobs, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Publication Society of America for his many courtesies in connection with the publication of the volume.

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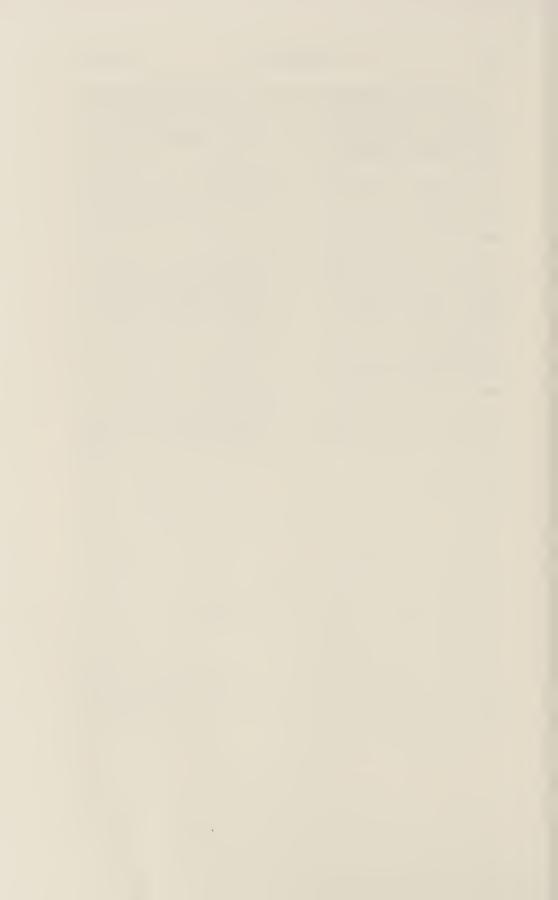
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